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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS - MEETING WITH MFA SECGEN

PETUR THORSTEINSSON

1. I SPENT TWO HOURS WITH THORSTEINSSON THIS MORNING FILLING HIM IN ON DISCUSSIONS I HAD WITH AGUSTSSON AND ANDERSEN YESTERDAY, AND PARRYING HIS ATTEMPTS TO LOAD MOU WITH SUCH ITEMS AS (A) USG WILL BUILD NEW CONTROL TOWER AT AIRPORT; (B) USG WILL FACILITATE GOI LOAN APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION NEW CIVIL AIR TERMINAL BUILDING; (C) GOI AIR CARRIERS WILL SHARE 50-50 WITH MILITARY AIRCRAFT MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL AND FREIGHT WITHIN ICELAND AND BETWEEN USA AND ICELAND; (D) IDF WILL IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE MORE HANGER SPACE TO ICELANDIC AIRLINE AIRCRAFT; (E) IDF AND ICELANDIC CIVIL AIRCRAFT WILL BE SERVICED AND MAINTAINED BY COMMON POOL OF MECHANICS; (F) ETC.

2. I TOLD THORSTEINSSON I COULD NOT STOP HIM FROM SUGGESTING TO FONMIN THAT HE RAISE THESE POINTS AT THE SEP 26 SESSION ORALLY, BUT THAT THESE MATTERS WERE NOT APPROPRIATE FOR INCLUSION IN EITHER THE MOU OR AGREED MINUTE. I TOLD HIM OUR ANSWER ON ALL OF THESE WILL PROBABLY BE "WE WILL BE GLAD TO STUDY THESE POINTS."

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3. THORSTEINSSON PROMISED TO LET ME KNOW BY SEP 25 IF

FONMIN INTENDS TO RAISE THESE POINTS DURING SEP 26TH
SESSION. (COMMENT: I BELIEVE WE CAN SUCCESSFULLY RESIST
ANY ATTEMPTS TO HAVE THEM INCLUDED IN MOU OR AGREED
MINUTE. I CANNOT PROMISE THEY WILL NOT BE RAISED.
PROBLEM STILL REMAINS OF INTRA-MFA RIVALRIES).
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